



MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lynn Norman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room located on the first floor of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street, Auburn, WA. Committee Members present were: Chair Lynn Norman, Member Sue Singer and Member Gene Cerino.

Staff present included: Mayor Pete Lewis, Planning, Building & Community Director Cindy Baker, Principal Planner Elizabeth Chamberlain and Planning Secretary Renee Tobias.

Audience Members present were: Edward Hahn, Gary Hahn, Arla Holzschuh, John Nelson, and Ronnie Roberts.

II. MINUTES

Member Cerino moved to approve the March 3, 2009 minutes as read; Member Singer seconded.

The minutes were approved as submitted unanimously 3-0.

III. ACTION

A. City Call Plaza Redevelopment Master Plan

Committee reviewed the presented master plan and eight paving options, providing direction to staff and consultant John Nelson, with Maul Foster Algoni.

Kiosk

Height of kiosk needs to be sufficient that it will allow the public to see through during public events held at the podium. Mr. Nelson stated that his firm can do site lines to determine the height needed. Committee asked that part of the kiosk roof be glass. Committee asked about tailgate-type, sliding or roll-up doors for the kiosk in place of the hinged doors on the drawing. Mr. Nelson responded that the glass umbrella cover concept could be incorporated into the kiosk roof and changing doors would not be an issue.

Water Feature

Committee discussed various water features, including sound, visuals and touch. Mr. Nelson suggested re-circulating water through the standing basalt columns; Committee agreed. The water feature needs to be out of the walking and sitting areas.

History/Cultural Boards

A proposed history board surrounding the podium was discussed. Concerns were that the elements will impact the aesthetics. Committees asked that an artistic board focused on early Auburn, i.e., rivers, fish, start on the outside of podium, facing the stairs, and add additional lighting.

Paving Grid

Mr. Nelson presented a drawing board with eight different paving grid options. The Committee agreed on Option No. 8.

Mr. Nelson suggested sandblasting Auburn's logo onto upper plaza floor concrete area.

Signage

Location of City Hall signs were discussed by the Committee. Mr. Nelson suggested using lighted lettering and/or the City's logo and placing this above the front door in the glass window area. Another option would be to have a sign in the Main Street planter area.

Glass Umbrellas

Committee asked that the lower level umbrella be moved closer to terrace to allow more open area. Committee does want frosted glass similar to Transit Center's glass for the umbrellas.

Bollards

Some of the bollards must be removable for events, and it was confirmed that the bleachers used for these events need 8 feet clearance. The bollards that are not removable will be lit with LED bulbs.

Sculpture

Committee decided to move the *Children Playing Train at the Switch* sculpture below the fir tree in the planter on Main Street if feasible.

Next Steps

In response to a question from the Committee, staff explained that fifty percent design of Phase I will come back to the Committee by May, 2009. Bids will be solicited for removing the triangle planter, spot repairing of the concrete terraces, installing electrical and plumbing infrastructure and the concrete work. Contractors would be identified and ready to start in August for an anticipated completion by the Veteran's Day Parade November 2009.

IV. Information

Chair Norman invited Arla Holzschuh and other members from the Auburn Downtown Association back to the April 14, 2009 meeting to discuss what their vision is for downtown.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Downtown Redevelopment Committee, Chair Norman adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____.

Lynn Norman, Chair

Renee S. Tobias, Planning Secretary